## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

| THE APPLICATION OF VOICE TELEPHONE CO. FOR | )         |
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| A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE &      | ) CASE NO |
| NECESSITY TO OPERATE AS A RESELLER OF      | 96-149    |
| TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES WITHIN THE     | )         |
| COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY                   | j         |

## ORDER

On April 12, 1996, Voice Telephone Co. ("Voice Telephone") filed its application with the Commission seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide intrastate, long-distance telecommunications services as a reseller within the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Voice Telephone is a Nevada corporation proposing to resell the services of carriers currently certified within the Commonwealth of Kentucky in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in its tariff. Voice Telephone does not seek authority to provide operator-assisted telecommunications services.

Voice Telephone employs no intrastate transmission or reception telecommunications equipment or facilities in the performance of its services, and all intrastate facilities, equipment, and networking will be provided by the underlying carrier. Voice Telephone will not construct any new facilities in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

The information provided by Voice Telephone demonstrates its financial, managerial, and technical capability to provide intrastate, long-distance telecommunications service. The proposed rates filed April 12, 1996 should be approved as the fair, just and reasonable rates to be charged.

In Administrative Case No. 306,<sup>1</sup> the Commission stated the importance of eliminating possible customer confusion arising from the name of the billing service, rather than the name of the provider of telecommunications services, appearing on the bill. Accordingly, Voice Telephone should ensure that its name appears prominently on all bills issued to customers for services rendered by it.

The Commission, having considered the application, the information provided by Voice Telephone, and being otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that:

- 1. Voice Telephone be and it hereby is granted authority to provide intrastate, long-distance telecommunications services within the Commonwealth of Kentucky on and after the date of this Order.
- 2. Voice Telephone shall comply with the provisions of the Orders in Administrative Case No. 323.<sup>2</sup>
- 3. Voice Telephone shall ensure that its name appears prominently on all bills issued to customers for services rendered by it.
- 4. Voice Telephone's authority to provide service in this Commonwealth is strictly limited to those services described in this Order and in Voice Telephone's application.
- 5. The rates and charges proposed by Voice Telephone are hereby approved as filed on April 12, 1996.

Administrative Case No. 306, Detariffing Billing and Collection Services, Order dated April 30, 1990.

Administrative Case No. 323, An Inquiry Into IntraLATA Toll Competition, An Appropriate Compensation Scheme for Completion of IntraLATA Calls by Interexchange Carriers, and WATS Jurisdictionality.

6. Within 30 days from the date of this Order, Voice Telephone shall file its tariff sheets in accordance with 807 KAR 5:011.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 27th day of June, 1996.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION** 

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST:

**Executive Director**